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Letter dated 25 September 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to draw your attention to the discovery of a mass grave on 23 September in a coal mine, Komunar, near the village Nyzhnia Krynka (60 km from Donetsk). The unmarked graves contain several partially decomposed corpses in civilian clothes. It is clear that these people were executed, as evidenced by the victims' hands tied behind their backs, marks of shots in the head and the 9mm cartridge cases which were found near the bodies. This discovery was registered by the members of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe special monitoring mission to Ukraine, and relevant information was included in their daily update of 23 September.

Existing evidence suggests that these civilians were cold-bloodedly killed by the Ukrainian armed forces. In particular, there are reports that two days before the discovery of the mass grave, this area was left by the members of the 25th paratrooper brigade of the Ukrainian armed forces and the Aidar battalion which had exercised control over it for a considerable period of time.

I would kindly ask you to circulate the present letter to the members of the Security Council and to issue it as a document of the Council.

(*Signed*) Vitaly **Churkin**

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